

Region II: *Education and Outreach to Healthcare Providers in Ambulatory Surgical Centers for the Prevention and Reduction of Healthcare-Associated Infections*

Key Project Elements:

- Address gaps in healthcare-associated infection (HAI) prevention education in Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs)
 - Develop and implement this HAI prevention training targeting diverse populations including rural, urban, Spanish-speaking, and a range of socioeconomic levels
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About the Project

Region II received funding to address healthcare-associated infection (HAI) education in ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs). This project responds to the need to increase HAI education capacity in many ASCs, where the current infection prevention and control programs are often limited to a consultant, with no ongoing oversight, evaluation and follow-up. This project will increase HAI education to healthcare personnel providing various level of care to diverse populations, including rural, urban, Spanish-speaking, and a range of socioeconomic levels. Through increasing HAI education the projects aims to not only decrease the incidence of HAIs in ASCs, but also serve as a pilot for ASCs across the nation.

The team will:

- 1) Form a Project Advisory Committee to engage a variety of ASC facilities, subject matter experts, local, state and national-level representatives
- 2) Assess current HAI educational resources including current educational resources targeted at ASC settings, or other material that can be adopted to the context of the ASC
- 3) Implement four training sessions including in-person sessions, training-of-trainers and webinars

For more information

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